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Dear Reader ...

## We're Modifying Our Instructions to Authors

As many of you know, we recently polled sponsors and members of our Editorial Board to comment on proposed changes to our Instructions for Authors. Based on their feedback, and beginning with our 2016 volume, the following modifications will be instituted ...

1. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:** We are asking all authors to disclose any association between themselves and the organization that sponsored both the investigation and the published report based on that investigation; and
2. **EXTERNAL STUDY APPROVAL:** In order to verify that a study design has been approved by an independent outside agency we are asking authors to disclose the study's IRB Approval/Number.

## Why Are We Making These Changes?

We are initiating the Conflict of Interest Disclosure for the sake of complete transparency. We have already begun receiving such disclosures among the more recent manuscript submissions, and have been including them within the Acknowledgments. Beginning in 2016, we will post the disclosures under a separate heading at the end of the published work.

Regarding the IRB information, we are seeing this with increasing frequency among the primary research publications in dentistry, and feel this should be included within the Materials and Methods section of our published works as well. This is an invaluable reference for our Editorial Board reviewers who will be assured of the highest standards employed in the study protocol when asked to assess a paper's suitability for publication in *The Journal*.

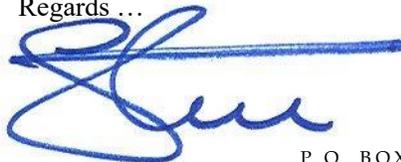
## Why Did We Seek Input from Our Sponsors?

*The Journal of Clinical Dentistry* has evolved over the course of our first twenty-seven years based largely on the input of sponsors who have honored us with their submissions. Their comments, and those of our Board, on the proposed inclusions were of immeasurable value as we planned for the upcoming publication year and beyond.

## Our Thanks

As we conclude the current volume of *The Journal*, I want to express my gratitude to the companies who have supported our mission this past year. We look forward to serving your research publishing and communications goals in the year ahead.

Regards ...



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